

## Consumer Product Safety Commission

## § 1203.9

no fixture on the helmet's inner surface projecting more than 2 mm into the helmet interior.

### § 1203.6 Labeling and instructions.

(a) *Labeling.* Each helmet shall be marked with durable labeling so that the following information is legible and easily visible to the user:

(1) Model designation.

(2) A warning to the user that no helmet can protect against all possible impacts and that serious injury or death could occur.

(3) A warning on both the helmet and the packaging that for maximum protection the helmet must be fitted and attached properly to the wearer's head in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions.

(4) A warning to the user that the helmet may, after receiving an impact, be damaged to the point that it is no longer adequate to protect the head against further impacts, and that this damage may not be visible to the user. This label shall also state that a helmet that has sustained an impact should be returned to the manufacturer for inspection, or be destroyed and replaced.

(5) A warning to the user that the helmet can be damaged by contact with common substances (for example, certain solvents [ammonia], cleaners [bleach], etc.), and that this damage may not be visible to the user. This label shall state in generic terms some recommended cleaning agents and procedures (for example, wipe with mild soap and water), list the most common substances that damage the helmet, warn against contacting the helmet with these substances, and refer users to the instruction manual for more specific care and cleaning information.

(6) *Signal word.* The labels required by paragraphs (a) (2) through (5) of this section shall include the signal word "WARNING" at the beginning of each statement, unless two or more of the statements appear together on the same label. In that case, the signal word need only appear once, at the beginning of the warnings. The signal word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters, bold print, and a type size equal to or greater than the other text on the label.

(b) *Instructions.* Each helmet shall have fitting and positioning instructions, including a graphic representation of proper positioning.

### § 1203.7 Samples for testing.

(a) *General.* Helmets shall be tested in the condition in which they are offered for sale. To meet the standard, the helmets must be able to pass all tests, both with and without any attachments that may be offered by the helmet's manufacturer and with all possible combinations of such attachments.

(b) *Number of samples.* To test conformance to this standard, eight samples of each helmet size for each helmet model offered for sale are required.

### § 1203.8 Conditioning environments.

Helmets shall be conditioned to one of the following environments prior to testing in accordance with the test schedule at §1203.13. The barometric pressure in all conditioning environments shall be 75 to 110 kPa (22.2 to 32.6 in of Hg). All test helmets shall be stabilized within the ambient condition for at least 4 hours prior to further conditioning and testing. Storage or shipment within this ambient range satisfies this requirement.

(a) *Ambient condition.* The ambient condition of the test laboratory shall be within 17°C to 27°C (63°F to 81°F), and 20 to 80% relative humidity. The ambient test helmet does not need further conditioning.

(b) *Low temperature.* The helmet shall be kept at a temperature of -17°C to -13°C (1°F to 9°F) for 4 to 24 hours prior to testing.

(c) *High temperature.* The helmet shall be kept at a temperature of 47°C to 53°C (117°F to 127°F) for 4 to 24 hours prior to testing.

(d) *Water immersion.* The helmet shall be fully immersed "crown" down in potable water at a temperature of 17°C to 27°C (63°F to 81°F) to a crown depth of 305 mm ± 25 mm (12 in. ± 1 in.) for 4 to 24 hours prior to testing.

### § 1203.9 Test headforms.

The headforms used for testing shall be selected from sizes A, E, J, M, and O, as defined by DRAFT ISO/DIS 6220-1983, in accordance with §1203.10.